COMPOST-MAKING, ADDING ASHES, ETC.—EXPERIMENTS BY INDIAN SCIENCE INSTITUTE.

277. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government has noted in the 'Hindu' dated 28th September 1938, about a statement published about the experiments tried at the Indian Science Institute about compost-making, adding ashes also;

(*b*) whether the same experiment is tried in compost-making in Kunnamkulam;

(*c*) if the answer to sub-division (*b*) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to try this experiment at Kunnamkulam?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes, the experiment will be attempted on a small scale.

EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON COMPOST-MAKING—KUNNAMKULAM TOWN.

278. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the money spent for compost-making in Kunnamkulam under the following heads;

(*i*) permanent structure;

(*ii*) annual recurring expenditure till the end of 1113;

(*b*) the net proceeds each year till the end of 1113 realised out of the sales of compost to agriculturists;

(*c*) the amount realised by the Government annually during the three years prior to the compost-making by the sales of rubbish and nightsoil from Kunnamkulam Town?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*):

(*a*) (*i*) Rs. 298—13—6.

(*ii*) Rs. 78—12—0 in 1112.
Rs. 256— 4—0 in 1113.

(*b*) 1112 .. Rs. 83—11—0.
1113 .. Rs. 81— 8—0.

(*c*) 1109 .. Rs. 33— 0—0.
1110 .. Rs. 45— 0—0.
1111 .. Rs. 35— 0—0

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Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Since this has been proved to be a profitable measure will the Government be pleased to introduce this system in all possible places in the State?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): There is a difference of opinion even about that. Apart from the question of profit or not, if this system is a better one certainly it will be done.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): Has it been found to be a profitable one?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): It is not a question of profit or loss. It is a question of usefulness and the efficacy of the method so that the neighbours may not have any trouble. Even in regard to this there is difference of opinion.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): It is found to be good for agriculture and profitable to the Government.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Unfortunately the manure is in the Depot and nobody is purchasing it.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Let us know what this compost-making is?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): It is a kind of mixture of night soil, rubbish and other things and it is a good manure. This manure is sold at 4 annas per 100 lbs. Because of some sentimental objection the people won't purchase it.

NAMBUDIRIES APPOINTED BY STAFF SELECTION BOARD.

279. Mr. K. Ashtamoorthi Nambudiripad (*Landholders*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of applications the Staff Selection Board received from Nabudiries from the beginning of its establishment;

(*b*) the number of persons appointed from among them giving details as to the number of those who were entertained temporarily and also those who were given permanent jobs?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 32.

(*b*) Number of officiating appointments—7.
Number of permanent appointments—2.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): May I know whether the Government is in a position to give out the names of those 7?

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